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SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT 12 HON. CAROLYN B. KUHL, JUDGE

COORDINATION PROCEEDINGS SPECIAL TITLE (RULE 3.550))JCCP NO. 5255

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FEBRUARY 17, 2023

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5	REPORTER:	GAIL PEEPLES, CSR NO. 11458
6	TIME:	P.M. PROCEEDINGS
7	APPEARANCES:	(AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED.)
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9	THE COURT: GOOD AFTER	RNOON, EVERYONE.
10	THIS IS THE BIO	GGEST GROUP SINCE THE
11	PANDEMIC. IT'S WONDERFUL TO	SEE ALL OF YOU.
12	OKAY. THIS IS	OBVIOUSLY THE JCCP SOCIAL
13	MEDIA CASES.	
14	WE HAVE A COUR	T REPORTER; I WILL SIGN THE
15	COURT REPORTER'S ORDER.	
16	AND I WILL TAKI	E APPEARANCES IN THE
17	COURTROOM STARTING ON PLAINT:	IFFS' SIDE.
18	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR H	ONOR, JOSEPH VANZANDT FROM
19	BEASLEY ALLEN LAW FIRM.	
20	AND I HAVE A PI	HV APPLICATION PENDING THAT
21	HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED, SO, I	WANTED
22	THE COURT: ALL OF YOU	U WHO HAVE PENDING PRO HAC
23	VICES, I WILL HEAR FROM ALL (OF YOU. AT THE END WE WILL
24	TALK ABOUT TRYING TO SPEED T	HAT PROCESS ALONG.
25	GO AHEAD.	
26	MR. RAVIPUDI: GOOD AI	FTERNOON. RAHUL RAVIPUDI
27	FROM PANISH SHEA BOYLE RAVIP	UDI
28	THE COURT: EVERYBODY	, IF YOU WOULD SPEAK INTO THE

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1	MICROPHONE BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY PEOPLE ONLINE WILL
2	HEAR.
3	I'M SORRY, PEOPLE ON COURTCONNECT, I FORGOT
4	TO UNMUTE MY VIDEO. NOW IT'S UNMUTED. YOU CAN SEE ME.
5	MR. PANISH.
6	MR. PANISH: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. BRIAN
7	PANISH FOR THE PLAINTIFFS.
8	MR. BERGMAN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. MATTHEW
9	BERGMAN, SOCIAL MEDIA VICTIMS LAW CENTER, FOR THE
10	PLAINTIFFS.
11	MR. KIESEL: YOUR HONOR, PAUL KIESEL FOR THE
12	PLAINTIFFS AS WELL.
13	THE COURT: OKAY. I'M GLAD TO HEAR APPEARANCES
14	FROM ANYBODY ELSE. I MEAN, WE HAVE YOUR CARDS. BUT,
15	ANYBODY WANTS TO STATE YOUR APPEARANCE, VERY GLAD TO HEAR
16	FROM YOU.
17	MS. MCCONNELL: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
18	MARIANA MCCONNELL FROM KIESEL LAW.
19	MS. GARRETT: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. LAURA
20	MARQUEZ GARRETT FROM SOCIAL MEDIA VICTIMS LAW CENTER.
21	THE COURT: ANYBODY ELSE APPEAR AT THIS POINT?
22	MS. HAZAM: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. LEXI
23	HAZAM OF LIEFF CABRASER HEIMANN BERNSTEIN FOR THE
24	PLAINTIFFS.
25	THE COURT: AND YOU CAN USE THE MIDDLE AS WELL.
26	MS. MCNABB: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. KELLY
27	MCNABB FOR THE PLAINTIFFS.
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1	OF SCHNEIDER WALLACE COTTRELL KONECKY FOR PLAINTIFF.
2	THE COURT: OKAY. WE HAVE EVERYBODY ELSE'S
3	APPEARANCES.
4	I'LL HEAR FROM DEFENDANTS THEN.
5	MS. SIMONSEN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. ASHLEY
6	SIMONSEN OF COVINGTON BURLING FOR THE META DEFENDANTS.
7	MR. SCHMIDT: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. PAUL
8	SCHMIDT OF COVINGTON BURLING FOR THE META DEFENDANTS.
9	MR. CHIOU: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
10	CHRISTOPHER CHIOU WITH WILSON SONSINI FOR GOOGLE,
11	ALPHABET, AND YOUTUBE.
12	MS. LADDON: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. TARIFA
13	LADDON WITH FAEGRE DRINKER FOR TIKTOK AND BYTEDANCE.
14	MR. BLAVIN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. JONATHAN
15	BLAVIN FROM MUNGER TOLLES FOR DEFENDANTS SNAP.
16	MR. BLASCHKE: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
17	MATTHEW BLASCHKE WITH KING & SPALDING FOR TIKTOK AND
18	BYTEDANCE.
19	AND I AM JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUE JEFF DRAKE,
20	WHO HAS A PRO HAC APPLICATION.
21	MR. DRAKE: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
22	MS. DEGTYAREVA: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR.
23	VICTORIA DEGTYAREVA FROM MUNGER TOLLES & OLSON ALSO ON
24	BEHALF THE DEFENDANT SNAP.
25	THE COURT: OKAY. I KNOW THAT EVERYBODY ONLINE
26	HAS GIVEN YOUR APPEARANCES TO THE CLERK, AND SO, I'M NOT
27	GOING TO HAVE EVERYBODY REPEAT THEM BECAUSE SOMETIMES
28	IT'S HARD TO DO THAT ALL IN ORDER. PEOPLE IN THE

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1	COURTROOM KNOW YOU'RE THERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE STATED YOUR
2	APPEARANCES IN FRONT OF THEM.
3	COUPLE OF HINTS. IF YOU CAN'T HEAR FOLKS
4	AT ANY POINT, BE SURE TO SPEAK UP. IF YOU'RE TRYING TO
5	SPEAK UP AND YOU FEEL LIKE WE'RE NOT HEARING YOU, THERE
6	MAY BE A TECHNICAL ISSUE. PUT SOMETHING IN THE CHAT.
7	THAT'S A WAY TO REACH OUT AND SAY SOMETHING'S GOING WRONG
8	TECHNICALLY.
9	AND IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH BEING ON
10	MUTE
11	WHAT IS IT, MISS MIRO?
12	STAR 6. OKAY.
13	ALL RIGHT. THOSE ARE THE PRELIMINARIES.
14	YOU CAN BE SEATED UNLESS YOU'RE ADDRESSING
15	THE COURT. REMEMBER TO USE THE MICROPHONES.
16	AND FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT
17	EVERYONE ON YOUR ON THE REPORT, THE VERY FINE REPORT,
18	YOU PROVIDED ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION. THAT WAS VERY GOOD.
19	AND YOU APPEAR TO BE IN A REASONABLY CIVIL AND
20	CONSTRUCTIVE MODE IN DEALING WITH EACH OTHER ON
21	PROCEDURAL ISSUES, AND THE COURT APPRECIATES THAT.
22	FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN OUR
23	COMPLEX COURTS OR MAYBE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE VERY OFTEN,
24	JUST LET ME GIVE YOU A BIT OF AN INTRODUCTION.
25	WE HAVE WE HAVE GOALS IN OUR COMPLEX
26	COURT PROGRAM. THEY ARE IN CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT
27	3.400. AND THEY ARE, NUMBER ONE, TO MOVE CASES TO
28	RESOLUTION; NUMBER TWO, TO REDUCE LITIGATION COSTS TO THE
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	EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR THE PARTIES; AND NUMBER THREE, TO
2	IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DECISIONMAKING FOR COUNSEL FOR THE
3	CLIENTS, FOR JURIES ULTIMATELY, AND FOR THE COURT.
4	SO, THAT LAST ONE IS A LITTLE BIT NEBULOUS,
5	BUT IT MEANS TO ME THAT I AM ALWAYS TRYING TO CREATE AN
6	EVEN PROCEDURAL PLAYING FIELD SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN MAKE
7	THEIR BEST ARGUMENTS ON THE MERITS. OKAY?
8	AND IN TRYING TO REDUCE LITIGATION COSTS,
9	WE TRY TO GET AS SOON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO CORE
10	FACTUAL ISSUES AND CORE LEGAL ISSUES. AND THAT, IN
11	GENERAL, WILL FURTHER EARLY RESOLUTION OF CASES.
12	SO, YOU KNOW, THE MDL JUDGES DON'T DO IT
13	VERY DIFFERENTLY. BUT, WE APPLY THOSE PRINCIPLES SORT OF
14	ACROSS THE BOARD IN WHAT WE DO IN OUR COMPLEX PROGRAM.
15	WE ALSO, SPECIFIC TO OUR CALIFORNIA COURTS,
16	HAVE ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE DISCLOSURES IN
17	SITUATIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE RECUSAL BUT THAT MAY BE
18	THINGS THAT COUNSEL WISH TO KNOW ABOUT THE COURT'S
19	RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN LITIGATION.
20	SO, I HAVE KIND OF A LIST HERE. MOST OF
21	YOU WHO MOST OF YOU WILL KNOW, WHO LOOK THINGS UP,
22	THAT I WAS A PARTNER AT MUNGER TOLLES & OLSON 27 YEARS
22 23	THAT I WAS A PARTNER AT MUNGER TOLLES & OLSON 27 YEARS AGO. UNBELIEVABLE. 27 YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME MISS
23	AGO. UNBELIEVABLE. 27 YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME MISS
23 24	AGO. UNBELIEVABLE. 27 YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME MISS KRISTIN LINSLEY, WHO'S BEEN ON THE PAPERS, WAS MY
232425	AGO. UNBELIEVABLE. 27 YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME MISS KRISTIN LINSLEY, WHO'S BEEN ON THE PAPERS, WAS MY PARTNER.

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1	A NUMBER OF THE PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL IN THESE CASES:
2	MR. KIESEL WITH LA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION; MR. CONNIFF,
3	WHOSE NAME I SAW ON THE PAPERS, ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF
4	HE'S ON, IS I WAS ACTIVE WITH HIM IN THE AMERICAN LAW
5	INSTITUTE AGGREGATE LITIGATION PROJECT. AND HE WAS JUST
6	ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE.
7	MISS HASAM'S PARTNER MISS CABRASER WAS PART
8	OF THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE COUNCIL AND THE FEDERAL
9	RULES STANDING COMMITTEE.
10	MR. PANISH WAS LEAD COUNSEL IN SOCAL GAS
11	CASES, WHICH ARE APPROACHING RESOLUTION, WITH MANY
12	COMPLICATED ISSUES SURROUNDING THE SETTLEMENT, AS WELL AS
13	MR. CREED, WHO MADE A LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO ORGANIZING
14	THINGS.
15	AND MR. CREED CAME FROM MUNGER TOLLES AND
16	OLSON TOO ALTHOUGH NOT WHEN I WAS THERE.
17	AND I ALSO SERVED WITH JUDGE GONZALES
18	ROGERS ON THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE, SO, I
19	CONSIDER HER A FRIEND.
20	I MAY BE MISSING SOME CONNECTIONS, BUT
21	THOSE ARE THE PRINCIPLE ONES. SO, JUST SO YOU KNOW.
22	SO, WE'LL START MORE OR LESS IN THE ORDER
23	THAT YOU HAVE THINGS IN THE REPORT, ALTHOUGH I'LL GO OUT
24	OF ORDER A LITTLE BIT AT SOME POINTS.
25	SO, YOU HAVE GOT A PROPOSED ADD-ON ORDER
26	THAT IS EXHIBIT B.
27	AND ON MY REVIEW OF IT, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH
28	THESE ARE CASES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN COORDINATED. I

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1	ISSUED AN ORDER LAST FRIDAY WHERE I TRIED TO KIND OF
2	CLEAN THINGS UP AND TAKE EVERYTHING THAT I KNEW OF.
3	SO, IF YOU COULD JUST KIND OF CONFIRM FOR
4	ME THAT THOSE ARE IN FACT CASES THAT WERE NOT IN MY ORDER
5	FROM LAST WEEK.
6	MR. KIESEL: JESSE CREED WILL TAKE THAT ON.
7	MR. CREED: THIS IS JESSE CREED.
8	SORRY I COULDN'T BE IN THE COURTROOM THIS
9	AFTERNOON.
10	THOSE CASES ARE NOT ON THE LIST THAT YOU
11	INCLUDED.
12	AND THERE ARE TWO BLANKS FOR CASE NUMBERS
13	ON PAGE 3 OF THE PROPOSED ORDER. I I'M SURE AT THIS
14	POINT WE PROBABLY HAVE THOSE CASE NUMBERS, SO, WE CAN
15	SEND THOSE TO YOUR STAFF IF YOU WOULD LIKE.
16	THE COURT: WELL, PRESUMABLY YOU ALSO HOPEFULLY
17	INCLUDED THE FACT IN THE DRAFT ORDER OF PRESENTING A HARD
18	COPY LODGING A HARD COPY WITHIN THREE DAYS. SO,
19	PRESUMABLY THERE WILL BE A CASE NUMBER BY THEN.
20	I WAS SAYING TO MY STAFF THE COURT DOESN'T
21	ISSUE CASE NUMBERS WHEN YOU FILE A CASE. BUT, I GUESS WE
22	HAVE A COUPLE.
23	OKAY. SO, I WILL SIGN THE ORDERS THAT SAID
24	EXHIBIT B TO ADD ON THOSE CASES.
25	WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL CASES, DO YOU

QUANTIFICATION OR TIME FRAME ON THOSE?

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YOUR HONOR, PAUL KIESEL. MS. KIESEL:

DO PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL HAVE ANY

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1	THE ANTICIPATION IS THERE WILL BE A
2	SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CASES COMING ONLINE.
3	HAVING A PROCESS TO BRING THEM INTO THIS COURT, WE'D LIKE
4	TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHETHER YOU WANT DIRECT FILING OR
5	HAVE IT FILED IN THE COUNTY WHICH IT WOULD OTHERWISE BE
6	FILED AND HAVE IT TRANSFERRED DOWN.
7	I DON'T KNOW THE COURT'S THOUGHTS ON THOSE.
8	BUT, THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE
9	THE COURT: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SIGNIFICANT
10	NUMBER, MR. KIESEL?
11	MR. KIESEL: FAIR ENOUGH, YOUR HONOR.
12	I MEAN, I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATUS
13	CONFERENCE REPORT, IT GAVE YOU THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES
14	ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT'S 183 CASES; BUT, THE NUMBER OF
15	FOLKS INVOLVED IS OBVIOUSLY SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN
16	THAT.
17	SO, MY EXPECTATION IS THAT THAT NUMBER WILL
18	BE DOUBLED, IF NOT MORE THAN THAT, IN THE FORESEEABLE
19	FUTURE. A LOT WILL DEPEND, OF COURSE, WHAT HAPPENS IN
20	THE FUTURE. BUT, I THINK THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE A LARGER
21	NUMBER OF CASES THAN WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN THE JCCP
22	CURRENTLY.
23	THE COURT: FOR NOW THE WAY I LIKE TO ADD CASES ON
24	IS THROUGH STATUS CONFERENCE REPORTS. OKAY?
25	SO, IF YOU WOULD AS THEY ARE FILED AS
26	THEY ARE FILED IN LA, THEY LIKELY IF THE COMPLEX BOX
27	IS CHECKED, THEY WILL FIND THEIR WAY HERE.
28	IF THEY'RE FILED IN OTHER COURT IN OTHER

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1	COURTS AND THEY SHOULD BE FILED IN THE COUNTY WHERE
2	VENUE IS PROPER THEY YOU ALL WILL KNOW ABOUT THEM
3	AND WILL YOU WILL MENTION THEM IN STATUS REPORTS AND
4	WE'LL ADD THEM ON THAT WAY.
5	IF THAT MAKES SENSE.
6	MR. KIESEL: THAT'S PERFECT. WE'LL WORK WITH
7	DEFENSE COUNSEL, WHO LIKELY WILL HAVE FIRST NOTICE OF
8	SOME OF THOSE FILINGS, AND WE WILL PREPARE A REPORT FOR
9	THE COURT AT EACH STATUS CONFERENCE.
10	IF THERE IS A LAWYER THAT DOESN'T KNOW
11	ABOUT THE JCCP AND THEY FILE IN AN ALTERNATIVE COUNTY, WE
12	WILL REACH OUT TO THEM AND BRING IT BEFORE THE COURT.
13	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE.
14	THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE PATH WHICH I THINK
15	WOULD BE MORE TROUBLE FOR YOU ALL, BUT WE CAN TALK ABOUT
16	THAT NEXT TIME. OKAY?
17	SOUNDS GOOD.
18	SO, I NOTED THAT YOU DID NOT OBJECT TO MY
19	COMMUNICATING WITH JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS, SO, I WILL
20	THEREFORE FEEL FREE TO DO THAT. SHE DID SEND ME SOME OF
21	HER EARLY ORDERS, SO, I HAVE THOSE. I WILL REFER TO
22	THOSE A LITTLE BIT LATER.
23	I AM SIGNING OR WILL SIGN THE ORDER FOR
24	SERVICE VIA CASEANYWHERE AND SERVICE AND FILING BY
25	CASEANYWHERE.
26	SO, FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR,
27	CASEANYWHERE HAS A MESSAGE BOARD FEATURE ON IT. AND IN
28	OUR COMPLEX COURTS, WE ALLOW AND ENCOURAGE COUNSEL TO

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1	CONTACT THE COURT IF IT IS SOMETHING SIMPLE. OR DOWN THE
2	LINE WE'LL TALK MORE ABOUT IT. BUT, IF THERE IS A
3	DISAGREEMENT THAT MIGHT LEAD TO A MOTION BEING FILED, WE
4	WANT COUNSEL TO LET US KNOW IN SHORT POSTINGS.
5	BUT, EACH SIDE HAS TO PARTICIPATE. AT
6	LEAST PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANTS HAVE TO PARTICIPATE SO
7	THAT WE DON'T HAVE A SERIES OF HE SAID/SHE SAID POSTINGS
8	GOING BACK AND FORTH. SO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO AGREE, BUT
9	EACH SIDE HAS TO SAY WHAT THEIR POSITION IS. OKAY?
10	SO, THAT'S THE WAY TO USE THE BOARD.
11	AND IT'S GREAT FOR CONTINUING DATES AND
12	VARIOUS THINGS LIKE THAT.
13	REGARDING PROTECTIVE ORDER, I AM HAPPY FOR
14	COUNSEL TO COUNSEL HERE TO COORDINATE WITH COUNSEL IN
15	THE MDL TO COME UP WITH A PROTECTIVE ORDER.
16	I WILL ADD, HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE
17	PROTECTIVE ORDER THAT IS APPLICABLE IN STATE COURT IT
18	MUST INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT
19	2.550, WHICH GOVERNS DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED UNDER SEAL
20	WITH THE COURT.
21	WE HAVE RATHER STRICTER RULES THAN THE
22	FEDERAL COURTS DO WITH REGARD TO THINGS THAT GET FILED IN
23	THE COURT. AND, SO, I WILL REQUIRE THAT THE PROTECTIVE
24	ORDER THAT GOVERNS THIS CASE HAVE PARAGRAPHS IN IT THAT
25	REFER TO THOSE RULES AND THAT WILL SAY THAT COUNSEL WILL
26	FOLLOW THOSE RULES.
27	FOR YOUR REFERENCE, THERE IS ON THE LA
28	SUPERIOR COURT COMPLEX COURT'S WEBSITE TWO FORM

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1 PROTECTIVE ORDERS THAT WE RECOMMEND. THEY WERE DRAFTED 2 BY A COMMITTEE OF ONE OF OUR FORMER JUDGES TOGETHER WITH 3 A COMMITTEE OF COUNSEL ON BOTH SIDES OF THE V. THERE ARE 4 TWO DIFFERENT TYPES. AND MANY, MANY TIMES IT IS 5 SUFFICIENT. 6 YOU HAVE GOT SOME SPECIAL ISSUES HERE, SO, 7 IT MAY NOT BE TOTALLY SUFFICIENT. BUT, AT LEAST WITH 8 REGARD TO THE CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT 2.500, ET SEO., 9 ISSUES YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE THOSE PARAGRAPHS OUT 10 AND USE IT. 11 OKAY SO FAR? 12 ALL RIGHT. HERE IS AN ISSUE THAT I DID NOT 13 RAISE IN THE ORDER SETTING UP THIS INITIAL STATUS 14 AND IT HAS TO DO WITH DOE PARTIES. CONFERENCE. 15 NOW, WE DON'T HAVE DOE PARTIES IN THESE 16 CASES, BUT WE HAVE PARTIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED BY 17 INITIALS. SO, THEY ARE PSEUDOMONAS IF YOU PLEASE. 18 THERE IS A REALLY RECENT CALIFORNIA COURT 19 OF APPEAL CASE THAT REOUIRES THE COURT TO GRANT 20 PERMISSION TO PROCEED UNDER PSEUDONYM. I AM GLAD TO 21 ORDER THAT PLAINTIFFS WHO ARE MINORS CAN PROCEED UNDER 22 PSEUDONYMS GIVEN THE ALLEGATIONS HERE ABOUT 23 MENTAL/EMOTIONAL HEALTH. 24 BUT, WHAT I WOULD LIKE LEADERSHIP COUNSEL 25 TO DO IS TO PRESENT AN APPROPRIATE ORDER FOR MY SIGNATURE 26 SO I CAN JUST HAVE A BLANKET RULE ON THAT AND WE WON'T 27 HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

THE APPELLATE CASE TALKS ABOUT THE SORT OF,

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1	YOU KNOW, PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES ABOUT TRANSPARENCY OF
2	COURT PROCEEDINGS. SO, I FELT LIKE I NEEDED TO RAISE
3	THAT SUA SPONTE IF YOU WILL.
4	THEN ALSO I SAW JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS
5	WANTED THIS AS WELL.
6	I WANT A SPREADSHEET OF ALL THE CASES. AND
7	THAT SHOULD HAVE THE LEGAL NAME OF EACH PARTY ON IT AND
8	ORGANIZED BY CASE NUMBER. IF IT'S AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET,
9	THAT WILL BE GREAT BECAUSE IT CAN BE SORTED DIFFERENT
10	WAYS.
11	BUT, ESSENTIALLY, THE CASE NUMBER, THE
12	COUNSEL, THE THE LEGAL NAMES OF THE PARTIES, AND
13	THE WHICH DEFENDANTS ARE SUED. AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT
14	YOU YOU KNOW, LEAVE SOME BLOCKS. WE MAY HAVE SOME
15	THINGS DOWN THE LINE. THAT WILL BE HELPFUL.
16	BUT, IF YOU WILL START PREPARING THAT.
17	AND THAT WILL GET THAT SHOULD BE
18	PREPARED BY LIAISON COUNSEL ON PLAINTIFFS' SIDE. IT
19	SHOULD BE SERVED ON THE DEFENDANTS BUT SUBJECT TO THE
20	PROTECTIVE ORDER. SO, WE'LL NEED THE PROTECTIVE ORDER
21	FIRST BEFORE YOU DO THAT. AND THEN AND THEN LODGED
22	UNDER SEAL WITH THE COURT.
23	SO, MY STAFF KEEPS TRACK OF THOSE.
24	MISS MIRO?
25	COURTROOM ASSISTANT: AND EMAIL PLEASE.
26	THE COURT: E-MAIL IT TO MISS MIRO.
27	OKAY. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PLEADINGS A
28	MINUTE.

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1	AND BECAUSE PRETTY OBVIOUSLY IF WE'RE
2	GOING TO HAVE A MASTER COMPLAINT AND INDIVIDUAL JOINDERS
3	WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO HAVE THAT ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE WE
4	CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH PLEADING CHALLENGES.
5	BUT, EVERYBODY IS OKAY WITH THE CONCEPT OF
6	A MASTER COMPLAINT ON THE PLAINTIFFS' SIDE?
7	MR. VANZANDT: JOSEPH VANZANDT.
8	YES, YOUR HONOR.
9	THE COURT: SO, JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS ORDERED
10	MASTER COMPLAINTS BE FILED BY FEBRUARY 14 IN THE MDL.
11	DID THAT HAPPEN?
12	MR. VANZANDT: YES, YOUR HONOR. THAT HAPPENED.
13	THE COURT: GOOD.
14	WERE THERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT THAT WE
15	SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HERE?
16	MR. VANZANDT: NOT FROM PLAINTIFFS' PERSPECTIVE.
17	THE COURT: OKAY.
18	MS. SCHMIDT: PAUL SCHMIDT FOR META.
19	FROM THE DEFENSE PERSPECTIVE, WE ARE
20	CURRENTLY LOOKING AT HOW THE COMPLAINT TRACKS TO THE
21	MOTION PRACTICE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ON THE COMPLAINT
22	WE HAVE GOT ANOTHER CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WITH JUDGE
23	GONZALES ROGERS ON THE 3RD THAT WE WILL BE WORKING SOME
24	OF THOSE QUESTIONS OUT IN TERMS OF LIMITATIONS AND HOW
25	SHE SET UP THE PLEADING PROCESS.
26	BUT, IN TERMS OF THE COMPLAINT ITSELF, WE
27	HAVEN'T RAISED ISSUES. WE'RE NOW IN THE SHORT FORM
28	COMPLAINT PROCESS.

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1	THE COURT: SO, YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL?
2	IF ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER WOULD TAKE ON THE DUTY OF
3	POSTING ON CASEANYWHERE ANYTHING THAT COMES OUT OF JUDGE
4	GONZALES ROGERS' COURT.
5	WHAT DO I MEAN BY THAT? YOU'RE LOOKING AT
6	ME, AND I SHOULD BE MORE SPECIFIC.
7	HER ORDERS. HER ORDERS. AND IN THIS
8	INSTANCE I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE MASTER COMPLAINT. THAT
9	WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ME. AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS.
10	MR. KIESEL: QUICK POINT.
11	I THINK WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE LAST ISSUE
12	OF THE EXCEL SPREADSHEET UNDER SEAL.
13	WHEN YOU SAY UNDER SEAL, YOU WANT THE LEGAL
14	NAME OF THE MINOR TO BE FILED; NOT THE INITIALS, BUT THE
15	LEGAL NAMES? THAT'S UNDER SEAL
16	THE COURT: CORRECT
17	MR. KIESEL: BECAUSE OTHERWISE IT'S A PUBLIC
18	DOCUMENT.
19	THE COURT: OF COURSE.
20	MR. KIESEL: UNDERSTOOD.
21	THE COURT: AND THAT'S WHY YOU KNOW, DEFENDANT
22	GETS IT. BUT, IT'S UNDER SEAL FOR THAT REASON.
23	MR. SCHMIDT: PAUL SMITH AGAIN FOR META.
24	JUST ON THE POINT ABOUT THE MASTER
25	COMPLAINT AND GETTING THAT TO YOUR HONOR, THERE WAS A
26	PUBLIC VERSION FILED ON THE RECORD THAT HAS A LARGE
27	NUMBER OF REDACTIONS. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH
28	PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUES IN THE MDL. WOULD YOUR HONOR

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1	LIKE THAT VERSION? DO YOU WANT US TO HOLD OFF UNTIL WE
2	HAVE A PROTECTIVE ORDER
3	THE COURT: DEPENDS ON HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT
4	CASEANYWHERE.
5	WE HAVE OFTEN USED CASEANYWHERE AS A PLACE
6	WHERE THE PARTIES FEEL COMFORTABLE POSTING UNREDACTED
7	VERSIONS WHICH WOULD NOT EVER GO IN THE COURT FILE.
8	MR. SCHMIDT: I THINK FROM THE DEFENSE PERSPECTIVE
9	WE WOULD PREFER TO ONLY PUT THE REDACTED VERSION ON
10	CASEANYWHERE UNTIL WE SORT OUT SOME PROTECTIVE ORDER
11	ISSUES IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO THE COURT.
12	BUT, IF NOT, THEN WE'LL OBVIOUSLY COMPLY
13	WITH WHAT'S BEST FOR THE COURT.
14	THE COURT: SO, BRING IT IN AND LODGE IT IN HARD
15	COPY THEN. OKAY?
16	MR. KIESEL: AND YOUR HONOR, JUST FOLLOWING UP,
17	THE MDL IS PREPARED TO OFFER THE COURT AN EMAIL DIRECT OF
18	THE NON-REDACTED VERSION OF THE COMPLAINT IF THE COURT
19	WANTS TO HAVE THAT.
20	THE COURT: THAT'S FINE.
21	OR YOU CAN BRING IT IN HARD COPY. YOU CAN
22	USE CASEANYWHERE TO LET ME KNOW WHAT'S COMING IN AND HOW.
23	OKAY? THAT WILL BE GOOD.
24	ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.
25	SO AND DID YOU DO A FORM I THINK
26	MAYBE THE SCHEDULE WAS SUCH THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A FORMAT
27	FOR THE INDIVIDUAL JOINDERS.
28	IS THAT CORRECT?

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1	MISS HAZAM, GO AHEAD.
2	MS. HAZAM: IF I MAY, YOUR HONOR, LEXI HAZAM OF
3	LIEFF CABRASER FOR PLAINTIFFS.
4	WE HAVE PROPOSED A FORMAT FOR A SHORT FORM
5	COMPLAINT TO DEFENDANTS, AND THE MEET AND CONFER PROCESS
6	REGARDING IT HAS BEGUN. WE EITHER NEED TO SUBMIT AN
7	AGREED UPON FORMAT OR OUR REMAINING DISPUTES BY FEBRUARY
8	28 TO JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS.
9	THE COURT: OKAY. WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
10	THIS AND I KNOW YOU'RE INVOLVED IN THE MDL WAS
11	THERE ANY KIND OF CONFERRING PROCESS WITH REGARD TO THE
12	MASTER COMPLAINT BETWEEN DEFENDANTS AND PLAINTIFFS?
13	MS. HAZAM: CONFERRING PROCESS REGARDING THE
14	CONTENT OF IT?
15	OR WHAT KIND OF A CONFERRING PROCESS ARE
16	YOU REFERRING TO, YOUR HONOR?
17	THE COURT: BECAUSE ORDINARILY WHAT WE HAVE DONE
18	HERE WITH MASTER COMPLAINTS IS THAT PLAINTIFFS WILL SHOW
19	A DRAFT TO THE DEFENDANTS AND LISTEN TO THEIR PROBLEMS
20	WITH IT.
21	NOW, WE KNOW THAT WE GOT BIG PROBLEMS;
22	RIGHT? 230 AND THOSE BIG PROBLEMS.
23	BUT OTHER THINGS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE THAT
24	IF PLAINTIFFS KNOW AHEAD OF TIME THEY MIGHT WISH TO PLEAD
25	AROUND THE PROBLEM TO SORT OF, YOU KNOW, DIMINISH
26	PROBLEMS.
27	NO OBLIGATION TO DO THAT; BUT THAT'S WHAT
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I'M USED TO I GUESS.

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1	SO, DID YOU DO THAT THERE OR NO?
2	MS. HAZAM: THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION, YOUR
3	HONOR.
4	WE DID NOT MEET AND CONFER BEFOREHAND ABOUT
5	ANY PLEADING PROBLEMS. THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AT SOME
6	LENGTH BY BOTH SIDES IN STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS
7	IN OTHER WORDS, ANTICIPATED MOTIONS AND GROUNDS FOR
8	THEM IN A MANNER SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU HAVE
9	BEFORE YOU IN THE STATUS REPORT.
10	BUT, THERE WAS NOT MEET AND CONFER ABOUT
11	THAT SPECIFICALLY IN ADVANCE OF THE FILING.
12	THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. UNDERSTOOD.
13	SO, LET'S TALK ABOUT LET'S TALK ABOUT
14	HERE THEN.
15	WHEN YOU HAVE SORT OF AN IDEA OF WHEN
16	PLAINTIFFS WILL BE READY TO FILE A MASTER COMPLAINT HERE?
17	ASSUMING THERE IS NO CONFER PROCESS WITH
18	THE DEFENDANT; AND THEN WE'LL TALK ABOUT WHETHER THERE
19	WILL BE ONE.
20	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR HONOR, WE HAVE DISCUSSED 60
21	DAYS IN ORDER TO HAVE THE MASTER PLEADING FILED.
22	THE COURT: OKAY.
23	AND, THEN, DIFFERENT QUESTION. FROM THE
24	TIME WHEN YOU AGREE ON A FORM, WHAT ARE YOU CALLING YOUR
25	INDIVIDUAL JOINDER IN THAT CASE? WHAT ARE YOU CALLING
26	IT?
27	MR. PANISH: I DON'T THINK IT'S ADDRESSED
28	MR. KIESEL: SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS, YOUR HONOR.

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1	THE COURT: SHORT FORM. OKAY. WE CAN CALL IT
2	THAT TOO.
3	MR. VANZANDT: AND YOUR HONOR, WE ARE PLANNING TO
4	AND HAVE DISCUSSED MEET AND CONFER WITH THE DEFENDANTS ON
5	A SCHEDULE FOR THE MASTER COMPLAINT, THE SHORT FORM
6	COMPLAINT, AND THEN A SCHEDULE RELATED TO THAT WE CAN
7	SUBMIT TO YOUR HONOR
8	THE COURT: FOR THIS CASE?
9	MR. VANZANDT: YES, YOUR HONOR.
10	THE COURT: AND YOU HAVE TALKED ABOUT THAT?
11	MR. VANZANDT: WE TALKED ABOUT CONFERRING
12	THE COURT: OKAY. ALRIGHT.
13	I WANT TO ASK A DIFFERENT QUESTION, WHICH
14	IS FROM THE TIME WHEN YOU HAVE AGREED FORMS HOW LONG,
15	APPROXIMATELY, WOULD IT TAKE TO HAVE EACH PLAINTIFF OR
16	IN EACH CASE TO FILE THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINT?
17	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR HONOR, WE THINK 30 DAYS WOULD
18	BE REASONABLE FOR THAT IN ORDER TO GET
19	THE COURT: YOU CAN GET THEM ALL DONE IN 30 DAYS?
20	MR. VANZANDT: I BELIEVE SO, YOUR HONOR. BASED ON
21	THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT ARE FILED RIGHT NOW, WE COULD
22	GET THOSE DONE IN 30 DAYS.
23	AND, OBVIOUSLY, OTHER PLAINTIFFS WILL FILE
24	THEM AS THEY COME ALONG.
25	THE COURT: OKAY. OKAY.
26	SO, WHAT DO YOU WHAT DO YOU HOW DO
27	YOU FEEL ABOUT SHOWING A DRAFT MASTER COMPLAINT TO
28	DEFENDANTS BEFORE YOU SAY "THIS IS OUR MASTER COMPLAINT"?

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1	SHOWING TO THEM TO GET COMMENTS FROM THEM.
2	TO GET CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS.
3	YES.
4	MR. VANZANDT: WE FIGURE WE'LL GETS LOTS OF
5	COMMENTS FROM DEFENDANTS AT THE DEMURRER STAGE ABOUT OUR
6	COMPLAINT
7	THE COURT: BUT RATHER THAN HAVING 60 ISSUES, I'D
8	RATHER HAVE 55.
9	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR HONOR, WE WOULD PROPOSE
10	THAT I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY HERE GIVEN
11	THAT THE MASTER COMPLAINT HERE WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY
12	SIMILAR TO THE MASTER COMPLAINT THAT DEFENDANTS HAVE
13	ALREADY SEEN IN THE MDL.
14	IT'S NOT GOING TO BE WE'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT
15	GOING TO REWRITE THE BOOK; IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY
16	SIMILAR COMPLAINT IN SUBSTANCE REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS
17	AGAINST EACH DEFENDANT. CERTAINLY DON'T ENVISION ANY
18	MAJOR DIFFERENCES.
19	OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE SLIGHT DIFFERENCES IN
20	THE LEGAL ISSUES, CALIFORNIA LAW, AS OPPOSED TO THE MDL
21	WHICH CONSIDERS LAW FROM 50 STATES.
22	THE COURT: SO, WHY ARE YOU CONFERRING ABOUT THE
23	FORMAT OF THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINT IF YOU DIDN'T CONFER
24	ABOUT THE FORMAT OF THE MASTER COMPLAINT?
25	MR. VANZANDT: SO, THE FORMAT OF THE SHORT
26	FORM COMPLAINT
27	THE COURT: THIS IS TO ANYBODY.
28	MR. VANZANDT: I'M SORRY.

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Τ	TT'S MORE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE IN
2	TERMS OF A COMPLAINT THAT ALL THE PARTIES CAN AGREE TO TO
3	SERVE THAT ROLE IN ORDER FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFF TO
4	SPECIFY THEIR CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS AS IT RELATES
5	TO THE MASTER COMPLAINT. AND, SO, IT'S MORE IT'S MORE
6	ADMINISTRATIVE. AND THERE IS IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE
7	PARTIES TO MEET AND CONFER ENOUGH TO BE A FORMAT THAT THE
8	COURT AGREES ON AS WELL.
9	SO, THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO
10	MEET AND CONFER ON THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINT, NOT SO MUCH
11	THE MASTER COMPLAINT WHICH IS MORE THE FACTUAL
12	ALLEGATIONS THAT THE PLAINTIFFS WILL BE LODGING AGAINST
13	THE DEFENDANTS.
14	MS. HAZAM: YOUR HONOR, LEXI HAZAM FOR PLAINTIFFS.
15	I WOULD ECHO WHAT MR. VANZANDT SAID.
16	IN ADDITION, A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
17	REQUIRES AN IMPLEMENTATION ORDER ENTERED BY THE COURT.
18	AND BECAUSE IT INVOLVES A PROPOSED ORDER THAT WOULD BE
19	PRESENTED, THE PARTIES MEET AND CONFER ABOUT THE CONTENT
20	OF IT, UNLIKE AN INITIAL COMPLAINT WHICH IN THE TYPICAL
21	COURSE OF LITIGATION DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY FORM OF ORDER
22	BY THE COURT IN ADVANCE OF ITS FILING.
23	THE COURT: OKAY. I SEE. I DON'T REQUIRE THAT.
24	IF WE AGREE WE'RE GOING TO DO SHORT FORM
25	COMPLAINTS, IT CAN BE FILED AS A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT.
26	AND EVERY CASE DOESN'T REQUIRE AN ORDER.
27	MR. SCHMIDT: YOUR HONOR, IF I MAY. PAUL SCHMIDT
28	FOR META.

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1	ON THE MASTER COMPLIANT WE HAD OFFERED
2	TO CONFER ON THE MASTER COMPLAINT IN THE MDL, AND
3	PLAINTIFFS DECLINED FOR PROBABLY UNDERSTANDABLE REASONS
4	FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE.
5	WE ARE OPEN TO CONFER ON IT.
6	WHAT WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE ON IT,
7	THOUGH, IS THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL REDACTION ISSUES, AS I
8	HAVE ALREADY ALLUDED TO, IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR
9	COMPLAINTS. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE AN ONGOING ISSUE IN
10	THE CASE.
11	IF THEY CAN CONFER IN ADVANCE WITH US
12	REGARDING THE REDACTIONS ISSUES IN ADVANCE OF FILING
13	THEIR COMPLAINT, THAT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE JUST
14	LOGISTICALLY IN TERMS OF HOW WE HANDLE THINGS AND NOT
15	HAVE TO SCRAMBLE TO TRY TO FIX THINGS THAT MIGHT SLIP
16	THROUGH OTHERWISE.
17	ON THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINT, WE DO THINK IT
18	IS ESSENTIAL TO CONFER ON THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS.
19	SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS ARE, OF COURSE, AN
20	EXCEPTION TO THE NORMAL PLEADING PROCESS, AND THEY END UP
21	SERVING A REALLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY
22	TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CASES ARE ABOUT, WHAT THE CLAIMS
23	BEING ALLEGED ARE, WHAT SPECIFIC
24	THE COURT: I AM NOT UNFAMILIAR WITH SHORT FORM
25	COMPLAINTS.
26	MR. SCHMIDT: SO, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A
27	PRETTY VIGOROUS DISCUSSION ON THAT IN THE MDL, AND WE
28	WELCOME THAT HERE AS WELL.

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1 THE COURT: OKAY. SO --

DID YOU HAVE AN IDEA, MR. PANISH?

MR. PANISH: MR. CREED WAS TEXTING ME.

THE COURT: DID YOU HAVE AN IDEA, MR. CREED --

MR. PANISH: YES. YES, I DID.

WE'RE WILLING TO MEET AND CONFER ABOUT THE REDACTIONS. WE'RE ALSO OPEN TO MEET AND CONFERRING ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COMPLAINT TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CHALLENGES TO THE PLEADING.

THE COURT: OKAY. SO, THAT IS, BASICALLY, THE WAY I'D LIKE YOU TO DO IT.

SO, WHEN PLAINTIFFS HAVE THEIR MASTER

COMPLAINT READY, WHICH PROBABLY ALREADY DO -- AND, YOU

KNOW, AGAIN, THIS IS IN THE CONTEXT OF IF THERE IS AN

ISSUE THAT'S GOING TO CROP UP ON DEMURRER AND YOU KNOW

WHAT IT IS -- COMMUNICATE IT TO THE PLAINTIFFS. IF THEY

WANT TO PLEAD AROUND IT, YOU KNOW, I'M -- MAKES ME A

HAPPY PERSON. WE KNOW THE BIG ISSUES ARE GOING TO BE

THERE.

SO, I'M TRYING TO THINK WITH RESPECT TO REDACTIONS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO APPROVE THOSE UNDER OUR -- UNDER OUR RULES OF COURT.

SO, PROBABLY THE WAY IT WILL HAPPEN IS THAT PLAINTIFFS WILL FILE IT -- WILL FILE REDACTED FORM AND A FORM UNDER -- A REDACTED FORM AND AN UNREDACTED FORM UNDER SEAL, WHICH IS WHAT'S REQUIRED; AND THEN WITHIN TENDAYS DEFENDANTS HAVE TO BRING A MOTION TO SAY WHY THOSE REDACTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE UNDER OUR RULES. OKAY?

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1	AND DEFENDANTS AND PLAINTIFFS CAN OPPOSE
2	IT IF YOU WANT. I MEAN, IT'S A MOTION; RIGHT?
3	SO, WE'LL PROBABLY NEED TO, YEAH, DO IT
4	THAT WAY I THINK.
5	OKAY. SO, I GUESS WHAT I WOULD LIKE IS FOR
6	COUNSEL ON BOTH SIDES TO CONFER ON A SCHEDULE FOR
7	ACCOMPLISHING THESE THINGS.
8	JUST MAKE A NOTE HERE.
9	I'M NOT SURE I'M NOT SURE I FEEL I NEED
10	TO APPROVE THE FORMAT FOR THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINT. IF
11	PLAINTIFFS I'LL JUST LEAVE THAT AS A QUESTION MARK.
12	IF PLAINTIFFS KNOW WHAT THE DEFENDANTS' PROBLEMS ARE AND
13	THEY WANT TO PROCEED OTHERWISE, I'M NOT SURE I NEED TO
14	RESOLVE THAT.
15	BUT, LET'S GO LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT
15 16	BUT, LET'S GO LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE
16	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE
16 17	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE
16 17 18	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD
16 17 18 19	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED.
16 17 18 19 20	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED. LET ME JUST MAKE A NOTE BEFORE I FORGET A
16 17 18 19 20 21	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED. LET ME JUST MAKE A NOTE BEFORE I FORGET A COUPLE THINGS.
16 17 18 19 20 21	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED. LET ME JUST MAKE A NOTE BEFORE I FORGET A COUPLE THINGS. YOU KNOW AND IF YOU NEED ANY EXAMPLES
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED. LET ME JUST MAKE A NOTE BEFORE I FORGET A COUPLE THINGS. YOU KNOW AND IF YOU NEED ANY EXAMPLES OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT WOULD LOOK
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED. LET ME JUST MAKE A NOTE BEFORE I FORGET A COUPLE THINGS. YOU KNOW AND IF YOU NEED ANY EXAMPLES OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT WOULD LOOK LIKE YOU PROBABLY DON'T BUT, WHAT WAS USED IN THE
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	THE MOTIONS ON THE LET'S GO TO TALKING ABOUT THE PLEADING MOTIONS, AND THEN MAYBE THAT WILL BE A LITTLE BIT CLEARER ABOUT WHAT I THINK WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED. LET ME JUST MAKE A NOTE BEFORE I FORGET A COUPLE THINGS. YOU KNOW AND IF YOU NEED ANY EXAMPLES OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT WOULD LOOK LIKE YOU PROBABLY DON'T BUT, WHAT WAS USED IN THE TYNDALL CASE MIGHT BE USEFUL.

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1	COORDINATED CASE. I HAD A GROUP OF ABOUT 780 PLAINTIFFS,
2	WOMEN WHO ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
3	BETWEEN 1980 AND I THINK IT WAS 2015. THERE WAS A
4	GYNECOLOGIST THERE WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS ABUSING AND SEXUALLY
5	ASSAULTING THESE WOMEN. AND IT OCCURRED OVER DECADES.
6	HENCE, 780 CASES.
7	THE SO, WE DID HAVE A MASTER COMPLAINT
8	IN THAT CASE AND INDIVIDUAL ALLEGATIONS, WHICH,
9	OBVIOUSLY, WERE VERY IMPORTANT IN THOSE CASES.
10	BUT, WE HAD ISSUES OF AROUND AROUND
11	SEALING DOCUMENTS FOR PRIVACY, ET CETERA.
12	AND, AGAIN, I'LL BRING UP AN ISSUE A LITTLE
13	BIT LATER ABOUT WHERE I THINK THAT CASE MIGHT BE
14	INSTRUCTIVE.
15	SO, BEYOND THE PLEADINGS BEYOND THE
16	COMPLAINTS, FOR THE PLEADING CHALLENGES I WOULD LIKE THE
17	PLEADING CHALLENGES TO BE BASED ON A COMPLETE COMPLAINT.
18	THE MASTER COMPLAINT PLUS A SHORT FORM COMPLAINT.
19	AND FOR THAT PURPOSE I WOULD SUGGEST THAT
20	THE PLAINTIFFS PICK OUT ONE, TWO, OR THREE COMPLAINTS AND
21	TELL DEFENDANTS "THESE WOULD BE THE COMPLETE COMPLAINTS
22	THAT WE WOULD PROFFER FOR PURPOSES OF A CHALLENGE ON THE
23	PLEADINGS."
24	BECAUSE THERE IS JUST TOO MANY ISSUES THAT
25	COULD OVERLAP TO YOU KNOW, LATER ON WE'RE GOING TO
26	HEAR ABOUT CAUSATION. BUT, CAUSATION RELATES TO, YOU
27	KNOW THE ETRST AMENDMENT T CAN'T ENVISION HOW WE COILD

GET CAUGHT UP ON IT, BUT I'M AFRAID WE WILL BE CAUGHT UP

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1	WITH REPETITIVE ARGUMENTS IF WE DON'T TAKE ON A COMPLETE
2	COMPLAINT.
3	FURTHER, I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE DO THIS
4	ONE TIME AND THAT WE HAVE ALL OF THE DEFENDANTS'
5	ARGUMENTS IN THE DEMURRER OR MOTION TO STRIKE OR BOTH IF
6	THERE IS A MOTION TO STRIKE.
7	AS TO THE DEFENDANTS' PLEADINGS, I DON'T
8	WANT REPETITIVE PLEADINGS. YOU WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED AT
9	THAT. SO, I WILL WANT YOU REQUIRE YOU TO ORGANIZE
10	YOURSELVES SO THAT I GET ONE BRIEF THAT IS A TOTAL BRIEF
11	ON EVERY PART OF THE DEMURRER YOU KNOW, EVERY ISSUE
12	YOU'RE RAISING IN THE DEMURRER.
13	AND THEN IF A PARTICULAR DEFENDANT HAS A
14	PARTICULAR ISSUE IN THE WAY THAT EVEN 230 PRESENTS
15	ITSELF, I WOULD ACCEPT BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO
16	HAVE TO BE JUDICIOUS HERE I WOULD ACCEPT A
17	SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF FROM A PARTY. OKAY?
18	BUT, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR I DON'T WANT
19	TO HAVE MULTIPLE BRIEFS WHERE I HEAR ABOUT THE THREE
20	ELEMENTS OF THE TEXT OF 2030(C)(1).
21	NO. NO. NO. WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK
22	ABOUT THAT THREE TIMES.
23	BUT IF THERE IS A PARTICULAR MANIFESTATION
24	OF A LEGAL ARGUMENT THAT APPLIES IN A DIFFERENT WAY TO A
25	DEFENDANT, I AM OPEN OPEN TO SOME SUPPLEMENTATION.
26	FURTHER, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE
27	OUT IF THE PLAINTIFFS PICK THREE COMPLAINTS, THREE
28	TOTAL COMPLAINT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT

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T	WHETHER THERE ARE ANY DIFFERENT ARGUMENTS THAT YOU HAVE
2	WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THOSE THREE. HOPEFULLY NOT. THAT
3	WOULD BE GREAT IF THERE WERE NO DIFFERENT ARGUMENTS. BUT
4	IF THERE ARE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO
5	PRESENT TO PRESENT THOSE.
6	I'M FIGURING WITH THREE WE CAN FIGURE OUT
7	IF THERE IS A PROBLEM THAT'S GOING TO CUT ACROSS THE REST
8	OF THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS. HOPEFULLY NOT. BUT, IF
9	THERE ARE, HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE THAT OUT.
10	OKAY. PROBLEMS WITH THAT GENERAL CONCEPT?
11	MR. CREED: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS JESSE CREED. A
12	QUESTION ON THAT.
13	WE CAN TALK TO DEFENSE BEFORE WE DISCUSS IT
14	HERE; BUT, IN TERMS OF PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION, WOULD YOU
15	EXPECT US TO FILE A SINGLE OPPOSITION, OR WOULD YOU WANT
16	IT TO CORRELATE TO EACH DEFENDANTS' BRIEF?
17	THE COURT: GOOD QUESTION.
18	I THINK IT SHOULD CORRELATE TO EACH BRIEF.
19	I THINK THAT WILL BE EASIER. SO, YOU'LL HAVE SOME KIND
20	OF MASTER OPPOSITION, AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE A SEPARATELY
21	FILED OPPOSITION.
22	THAT WAY I CAN STACK THEM UP UNDERNEATH
23	EACH OTHER AND FIND THE ARGUMENTS THAT PERTAIN TO EACH
24	OTHER.
25	MR. SCHMIDT: THE ONLY THING ON THE DEFENSE SIDE,
26	YOUR HONOR PAUL SCHMIDT AGAIN FOR META IS JUST IF
27	WE COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN THEY PICK THEIR
28	THREE COMPLAINTS, IF WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER THERE

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1	IS SOMETHING REALLY UNUSUAL ABOUT THEM IN TERMS OF THE
2	REPRESENTATIVENESS, TO COME BACK AT THAT POINT.
3	BUT, HOPEFULLY THAT WOULDN'T BE
4	NECESSARY.
5	THE COURT: YOU KNOW, IF THEY'RE UNUSUAL AND
6	THEY'RE UNUSUAL BAD, THEN THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO
7	ADDRESS. RIGHT?
8	ONCE WE GET THROUGH THE PROCESS IF THERE
9	ARE SOME OTHER ONES THAN ARE UNUSUAL THAT RAISE ISSUES WE
10	DIDN'T CATCH IN THE FIRST ROUND, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO TALK
11	ABOUT THAT.
12	SO AND DOES THREE SOUND RIGHT TO
13	PLAINTIFFS?
14	I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT OF WAYS TO DO THIS.
15	MR. VANZANDT: YES, YOUR HONOR, WE'RE FINE WITH
16	THAT ON THE PLAINTIFFS' SIDE.
17	THE COURT: NOW TIMING. SO, TIMING COULD BE
18	TRICKY.
19	SO, I KNOW JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS HAS A
20	SCHEDULE THAT STARTS APRIL 4. DID SHE ALTER THAT?
21	NO. OKAY. THAT STARTS APRIL 4.
22	BUT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SHE'S HOLDING BACK
23	ON THE 230 ISSUE TO WAIT FOR THE SUPREME COURT IN
24	GONZALES VERSUS GOOGLE.
25	SO, THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES WHETHER THERE
26	IS SOME WAY IN WHICH WE WANT TO CATCH UP OUR BRIEFING
27	WITH THE FEDERAL COURT.
28	JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS IS OPEN TO SITTING

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1	TOGETHER, HERSELF AND MYSELF, TO HEAR THESE MOTIONS OR A
2	MAYBE JUST TO HEAR THE SECTION 230 MOTION. I AM OPEN TO
3	IT; BUT, I DON'T WANT TO FORCE IT ON PEOPLE.
4	SO, WHEN IT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST IN
5	MDL AND COORDINATED CASES, THE STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES
6	HAVE SAT IN ONE LOCATION, HAVE HEARD ARGUMENT FROM BOTH
7	SIDES, AND THEN HAVE DECIDED INDEPENDENTLY.
8	SO, YOU DON'T GET SOME KIND OF EN BANC OF,
9	YOU KNOW, STATE AND FEDERAL COURT JUDGES SHARING THEIR
10	THINKING WITH EACH OTHER.
11	I HAVE SOME I WOULD LOVE TO SIT WITH
12	JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS. I THINK SHE'S A WONDERFUL
13	INTELLECT. AND LIKE ME, SHE WAS A STATE COURT JUDGE TOO.
14	SO, SHE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT STATE COURT PROCEDURE.
15	BUT, WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC THAT A
16	CALIFORNIA DEMURRER IS NOT IQBAL AND TWOMLY. IT'S JUST
17	NOT. IT'S DIFFERENT FROM MOTION TO DISMISS.
18	SO YOU KNOW. BUT, THAT MAYBE JUST SAYS
19	THEY HAVE TO BE DECIDED INDIVIDUALLY.
20	BUT, YOU KNOW, THE STANDARDS MIGHT TURN OUT
21	TO BE SORT OF DIFFERENT.
22	SO, I I'LL JUST THROW THAT OUT THERE FOR
23	YOU.
24	AS I SAY, I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE IT WITH
25	HER; BUT I'M NOT REALLY SURE IT MAKES SENSE HERE.
26	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR HONOR, THAT'S SOMETHING ON THE
27	PLAINTIFFS' SIDE IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU WE'D LIKE TO
28	CONSIDER AND DISCUSS.

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1	ONE INITIAL THOUGHT WOULD BE THE CHALLENGE
2	WITH THE SCHEDULE GIVEN THAT THE MDL IS AHEAD AND THEY
3	HAVE THE BRIEFING SCHEDULE IN PLACE.
4	AND I KNOW HERE THE PARTIES HAVE AT
5	LEAST IN MEET AND CONFERS HAVE DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON
6	PROPOSING A SCHEDULE AND ORDER HERE THAT WOULD PUT THE
7	DEMURRER BRIEFING AFTER THE GONZALES SUPREME COURT
8	DECISION.
9	SO, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING WE'D WANT TO
10	CONSIDER.
11	THE COURT: I'D BE HAPPY TO GO BEFORE THE GONZALES
12	SUPREME COURT DECISION, BY THE WAY; BUT I DON'T THINK
13	ANYBODY IS ASKING ME TO DO THAT, SO, THAT'S OKAY.
14	MR. PANISH: THAT WOULD VIOLATE THE PREMISE OF
15	JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY HERE IN
16	THE COURT: DEPENDS ON IF THEY FOLLOW ME OR NOT.
17	MR. PANISH: I WOULD EXPECT THEM TO.
18	THE COURT: WELL, YOU DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D WANT
19	THEM TO OR NOT.
20	IN ANY EVENT, THAT'S A BRIDGE TOO FAR, WE
21	WON'T DO THAT.
22	SO, I'LL LET YOU ALL THINK ABOUT THAT.
23	BUT, THEN YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT, OKAY,
24	ARE YOU GOING TO GET A FEDERAL COURT DECISION BEFORE YOU
25	GET A STATE COURT DECISION SUCH THAT I'LL HAVE TO
26	POTENTIALLY DISTINGUISH A FEDERAL COURT DECISION?
27	SO, IT'S OKAY. YOU KNOW, IT'S ALL GOOD.
28	BUT, I DON'T WANT TO FALL TOO FAR BEHIND

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Τ	BECAUSE WE SHOULD KEEP OUR DISCOVERY EVERYBODY WANTS
2	THE DISCOVERY TO BE CONSISTENT WITH IN MANY WAYS. RIGHT?
3	SO, I WILL LEAVE IT TO YOU THEN TO THINK
4	ABOUT THE SCHEDULING. ALL RIGHT?
5	BUT, THAT'S THE FORMAT THAT I WOULD LIKE.
6	OKAY. LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EARLY
7	CASE VETTING, WHICH IS RAISED IN BY THE DEFENDANTS AT
8	PAGES 17 TO 18 OF YOUR REPORT.
9	SO, I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS ISSUE. I
10	SERVE ON THIS I'M THE ONLY STATE COURT JUDGE ON THE
11	STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RULES.
12	THAT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING WHETHER
13	THERE SHOULD BE SPECIFIC RULES FOR MDL PROCEEDINGS. AND
14	ONE OF THE ISSUES HAS BEEN WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE SOME
15	SORT OF RULE IN THE FEDERAL RULES ABOUT EARLY VETTING OF
16	CASES AND SO FORTH. WHICH I'M NOT REVEALING ANYTHING
17	THAT'S NOT IN THE PUBLIC IN THE PUBLIC AGENDAS. BUT,
18	I THINK THEY HAVE DETERMINED NOT TO DO THAT ALTHOUGH
19	MAYBE TO SAY THAT THERE SHOULD BE THE FOCUS EARLY ON OF
20	GETTING BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAINTIFFS' CASES.
21	THIS IS REALLY DIFFERENT FROM A
22	PRESCRIPTION DRUG CASE IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, IF YOU
23	THINK ABOUT THE SPECTRUM BETWEEN A MINI PLAINTIFF FACT
24	SHEET EARLY ALL THE WAY TO SOMETHING LIKE A LONE PINE
25	ORDER THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE A SPECIFIC A SPECIFIC
26	DOCTOR OPINION TO A LONE PINE ORDER, WHICH I VIEW AS
27	REQUIRING A DOCTOR'S OPINION. THIS IS REALLY DIFFERENT.
28	WHAT DO YOU ALL HAVE IN MIND?

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1	MR. SCHMIDT: THIS IS PAUL SCHMIDT AGAIN FOR META.
2	THIS IS SOMETHING WE ARE ACTIVELY
3	CONFERRING ABOUT IN THE FEDERAL MDL.
4	ONE THING JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS HAS
5	SUGGESTED THAT PROBABLY TRACKS MORE WITH THE FEDERAL MDL
6	THAN WITH THE JCCP, ALTHOUGH IT COULD APPLY HERE, IS
7	HAVING EVERY PLAINTIFF HAVE A CALIFORNIA BARRED LAWYER ON
8	THEIR PLEADINGS SO THAT I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE
9	JUDGES SO THERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY IN TERMS OF PROPER
10	DILIGENCES DONE AHEAD OF TIME.
11	FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, I THINK YOUR HONOR'S
12	STATEMENT ABOUT THIS BEING VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE KIND
13	OF PHARMA JCCP'S A LOT OF US HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN IS
14	VERY APT.
15	AND ONE OF THE DIFFERENCES IS UBIQUITY OF
16	SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE FACT THAT INJURIES HERE ARE VERY
17	INTANGIBLE. SOME OF THEM AT LEAST. AND THAT GIVES RISE
18	TO A POTENTIAL YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE VERY SERIOUS
19	CLAIMS
20	THE COURT: YOU DON'T NEED AN EXPERT FOR ANY OF
21	THESE ISSUES
22	MR. SCHMIDT: RIGHT.
23	BUT THEN YOU MIGHT HAVE CLAIMS THAT DON'T
24	FIT WITHIN THE MDL WHERE THERE SHOULD BE SOME KIND OF
25	MEANS TO DETERMINE WHAT THOSE ARE AND TAKE ACTION ON
26	THOSE.
27	SO, WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT IN THE

CONTEXT OF THE MDL, AND I WOULD URGE US TO LOOK AT HERE

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AND WORK WITH THE PLAINTIFFS HERE, IS AN EARLY FACT SHEET
PROCESS THAT GIVES US THEIR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S
BEING ALLEGED AND POSSIBLY CONSIDERING OTHER FILING
REQUIREMENTS THAT WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF TALKING WITH
PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL ABOUT IN THE MDL AND ARE GOING TO

PRESENT TO JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS.

THEY WOULD INCLUDE THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY
REQUIREMENT, BUT POTENTIALLY OTHER BASIC DILIGENCE
REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH DILIGENCE THAT
SHOULD BE DONE IN BRINGING ANY KIND OF CASE.

THE COURT: OKAY. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING EITHER
THAT COULD BE DONE, FRANKLY, EARLY ON. THESE COMPLAINTS
ARE MORE SPECIFIC THAN MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS I SEE. WAY
MORE SPECIFIC. MOST OF THEM ARE WAY MORE SPECIFIC THAN
THE COMPLAINTS I SEE.

SO, OKAY.

MR. SCHMIDT: YEAH, THE CONCERN WE HAVE IS WE'RE GOING TO GET A VERY SPECIFIC MASTER COMPLAINT -- AND THAT'S WHAT WE SEE IN THE MDL WITH ALL KINDS OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS IN THE MASTER COMPLAINT.

AT LEAST THE SHORT FORM COMPLAINT WE HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR IN THE MDL IS PRETTY GENERAL WHERE IT'S HARD TO DRILL DOWN ON WHAT ARE THE SERIOUS CLAIMS, WHAT ARE THE DOCUMENTED CLAIMS, WHAT ARE THE CLAIMS THAT MIGHT NOT HAVE DOCUMENTATION.

AND WE SHARE THE CONCERN WE UNDERSTOOD

JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS TO EXPRESS THAT THERE SHOULD BE

1	SOME WAY TO MAKE MAKE SURE WE'RE FOCUSING ON THE CASES WE
2	SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON AND NOT SWEEPING IN A LOT OF OTHER
3	CASES.
4	AND WE WILL CONTINUE CONFERRING WITH THE
5	PLAINTIFFS ABOUT IT.
6	BUT, THAT'S REALLY OUR GOAL, IS TO GIVE THE
7	COURT AND THE PARTIES A WAY TO ADDRESS THAT.
8	THE COURT: I'M NOT SEEING A NEED HERE FOR
9	ANYTHING EXTRAORDINARY. SO, I'M OPEN TO LISTENING TO
10	YOU.
11	AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT PLAINTIFF FACT SHEETS
12	IN A MINUTE.
13	BUT
14	MS. SCHMIDT: THANK YOU
15	THE COURT: I'M NOT SEEING ANYTHING REQUIRING
16	SOMETHING OTHER THAN, YOU KNOW, PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET
17	PROCESS.
18	INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. I READ WHAT YOU SAID.
19	ALL I'LL SAY IS THE EARLIER WE HAVE A PRELIMINARY REQUEST
20	FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF THE BETTER.
21	OKAY. LET'S TALK ABOUT DISCOVERY.
22	SO, ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS IN DISCOVERY
23	PRODUCED BY DEFENDANTS IN THE MDL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO
24	THE PLAINTIFFS HERE. HOPEFULLY. AND THE PLAINTIFFS HERE
25	WILL BE PRECLUDED FROM DUPLICATING DISCOVERY THAT'S DONE
26	IN THE MDL.
27	T AM FINE WITH CONTINUING THE DISCOVERY

STAY UNTIL THE PLEADING CHALLENGES ARE COMPLETED EXCEPT

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1	AS TO WHAT JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS HAS ORDERED.
2	AND I'LL TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF DOCUMENT
3	PRESERVATION SEPARATELY. THAT'S A DIFFERENT DISCUSSION.
4	LOOKING AHEAD, I WOULD EXPECT TO COORDINATE
5	WITH JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS' ORDERS ON DISCOVERY, BUT
6	OBVIOUSLY WELL, NOT OBVIOUSLY.
7	BUT, FROM THE WAY I AM LOOKING AT IT,
8	DISCOVERY INVOLVING THE INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS THAT ARE
9	HERE IS A DIFFERENT ISSUE. AND I MIGHT COORDINATE THERE
10	AS WELL. BUT, WE MIGHT ALSO GO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.
11	BUT NOT INCLINED TO LOOK KINDLY ON
12	DUPLICATIVE DISCOVERY FOR WITH RESPECT TO THE
13	DEFENDANTS.
14	SO, THIS IS LOOKING AHEAD AND MAYBE TOO
15	SOON TO TALK ABOUT IT, BUT YOU TALKED ABOUT IT AND I
16	THINK IT'S GOOD TO GIVE YOU WHAT I THINK SHOULD BE THE
17	PATH FORWARD.
18	SO, THE PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET PROCESS AND
19	THIS DISAGREEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE DEFENDANTS SHOULD
20	FIRST PRODUCE THE INFORMATION THAT THE DEFENDANTS HAVE
21	WITH REGARD TO THE INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS ACTIVITY ONLINE
22	TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU HAVE IT, THIS IS WHERE THE TYNDALL
23	CASE COMES BACK IN.
24	AND WHAT WE DID IN THE TYNDALL CASE WAS
25	THE WOMEN PLAINTIFFS IN THAT CASE OBVIOUSLY HAD MEDICAL
26	RECORDS WITH USC. AND USC THEY WERE ENTITLED TO THOSE
27	MEDICAL RECORDS; RIGHT? AND THAT I'LL JUST SAY THAT
28	ENTITLEMENT, IN A SENSE, WAS STRONGER THAN THE

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TO BE REFRESHED.

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1	ENTITLEMENT HERE OF THESE PLAINTIFFS ABOUT THEMSELVES
2	THAT THESE PLAINTIFFS HAVE VIS-A-VIS THESE DEFENDANTS.
3	NEVERTHELESS, BOTH SIDES AGREED, AND IT
4	WORKED OUT EXTREMELY WELL, TO HAVE THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT
5	SHOWED THE DOCTORS' VISITS, ET CETERA, THE MEDICAL
6	RECORDS, PRODUCED TO THE PLAINTIFFS BEFORE THEY ANSWERED
7	THE PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET.
8	AND THE REASON WAS BECAUSE IF YOU THINK OF,
9	YOU KNOW, A COLLEGE STUDENT, AND NOW IT'S A NUMBER OF
10	YEARS LATER, HOW MUCH ARE THEY GOING TO REMEMBER ABOUT,
11	YOU KNOW, HOW MANY VISITS, WAS IT DID YOU GO TO
12	ANOTHER DOCTOR; YOU KNOW, WHAT AND HOW MANY HOW
13	MANY MONTHS APART, WHAT DID YOU CONSULT FOR? ALL THOSE
14	THINGS LIKE THAT.
15	AND THE CONCERN WAS THAT IF YOU DO THE
16	PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET PROCESS BASED STRICTLY ON MEMORY,
17	PARTICULARLY AFTER A TIME PERIOD HAS PASSED AND I'M
18	GOING TO SAY HERE PARTICULARLY IF YOU'RE TRYING TO ASK
19	THE MINORS WHO ARE PLAINTIFFS OR DECEDENTS HERE ABOUT
20	WHAT THEY REMEMBER, YOU'RE IT'S GOING TO BE MUCH MORE
21	OF A GUESS, OF A BLANK SLATE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T RECALL
22	SPECIFICALLY.
23	YOU CANNOT DEFENDANTS CANNOT AVOID THE
24	FACT THAT AT SOME POINT THE I THINK YOU CAN'T AVOID
25	THE FACT THAT AT SOME POINT THERE ARE RECORDS THAT YOU
26	HAVE ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITY IS GOING TO BE PRODUCED TO
27	THEM. AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THEIR RECOLLECTION IS GOING

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AND, SO, THEN, THOSE PLAINTIFF IF YOU
HAVE GONE FIRST ROUND PLAINTIFF FACT SHEETS BEFORE THOSE
DOCUMENTS GET TO THEM, THOSE FIRST ROUND PLAINTIFF FACT
SHEETS ARE GOING TO BE KIND OF USELESS BECAUSE YOU WON'T
GET THEIR BEST TESTIMONY OF WHAT THEY RECALLED AFTER THEY
SAW THE DOCUMENTS.
AND, SO, YEAH, ALMOST WOULD FOR THE
DEFENDANTS TO GET ANYTHING THAT WAS RELIABLE TO TAKE INTO
A DEPOSITION OR TO SUBSTITUTE FOR A DEPOSITION IF YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO DEPOSE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE PLAINTIFFS
ULTIMATELY, YOU GET YOU GET SOMETHING UNRELIABLE.
SO, IT WORKED REALLY WELL IN THE TYNDALL
CASE.
I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WOULD BE THAT
PROBLEM HERE IN TERMS OF REFRESHED RECOLLECTION IF YOU
WILL. AND, SO, I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED.
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY DEFENDANTS WOULD
OBJECT TO THIS.
HERE'S WHAT I SUGGEST. I SUGGEST THAT WE
PLAN WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS NOW, RIGHT, BECAUSE
WE'RE NOT DOING DISCOVERY NOW.
BUT, I'D SUGGEST AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT
BUT, I'D SUGGEST AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT WE PLAN TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A MOTION OR BRIEFING THAT I
WE PLAN TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A MOTION OR BRIEFING THAT I
WE PLAN TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A MOTION OR BRIEFING THAT I CAN CONSIDER THIS MATTER IN DEPTH. BECAUSE IT'S AN
WE PLAN TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A MOTION OR BRIEFING THAT I CAN CONSIDER THIS MATTER IN DEPTH. BECAUSE IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE. AND THEN I'LL DECIDE.

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PROCESS.

1	I THINK IT'S A VERY INTERESTING QUESTION.
2	IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?
3	MR. PANISH: YES.
4	MR. SCHMIDT: YES, YOUR HONOR, WE'D BE PAUL
5	SCHMIDT AGAIN FOR META.
6	WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
7	BRIEFING SEEING THE WISDOM OF THAT IN A CASE LIKE YOUR
8	HONOR DESCRIBES.
9	WHAT'S DIFFERENT HERE IS, I THINK, TWO
10	THINGS.
11	ONE, THE BURDEN IS VERY DIFFERENT IN TERMS
12	OF THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL.
13	BUT, THE SECOND THING THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT
14	IS BASIC ACCESS.
15	THERE IS SOME AT LEAST FOR NON-DECEDENT
16	PLAINTIFFS, THERE IS SOME LEVEL OF ACCESS THE PLAINTIFFS
17	HAVE TO THIS DATA THAT THEY CAN GET THEMSELVES, INCLUDING
18	TOOLS WE PROVIDE FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS SOME OF
19	THEIR OWN DATA.
20	AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO BRIEF THAT IN TERMS
21	OF ADDRESSING WHAT WOULD BE A APPROPRIATE WAY TO SORT
22	THROUGH THAT.
23	THE COURT: SO, HERE'S WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST THEN.
24	YOU HAD SUGGESTED GOING AHEAD AND STARING
25	THE MEET AND CONFER ABOUT THE FORM OF PLAINTIFF FACT
26	SHEETS. AND I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. YOU HAVE GOT A LOT
27	TO DO. BUT, I THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO START THAT

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Τ	AS PART OF THAT SO, THIS WOULD BE ABOUT,
2	YOU KNOW, WHAT THE QUESTIONS ARE GOING TO BE TO THE
3	PLAINTIFFS, WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO RESPOND TO AND WHAT
4	THAT FORMAT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE AND WHAT'S THE SCOPE OF
5	THE MEDICAL RECORDS AND ALL OF THOSE THING. OKAY?
6	AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT
7	THAT, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT PLAINTIFFS PROVIDE TO
8	DEFENDANTS A LIST OF WHAT YOU WOULD WANT TO BE PRODUCED
9	ABOUT THE PLAINTIFFS' ACCOUNTS PRIOR TO THEIR FILLING OUT
10	THE PLAINTIFF FACT SHEETS WITH THE IDEA IN MIND THAT IN A
11	SENSE MAYBE THE MORE NARROW YOU MAKE THAT REQUEST,
12	KNOWING THAT THIS ISN'T THE LAST REQUEST YOU CAN MAKE FOR
13	INFORMATION, MAYBE YOU MAKE THAT A LITTLE NARROWER AT THE
14	FIRST BITE AND IT BECOMES A LITTLE MORE REASONABLE.
15	I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST SAYING.
16	BUT, I THINK START THAT DOESN'T REALLY
17	BECOME A DISCUSSION BECAUSE DEFENDANTS AREN'T GOING TO
18	AGREE TO PRODUCE ANYTHING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MOTION
19	ABOUT THAT.
20	BUT, WHEN I HEAR A MOTION, I'M GOING TO
21	WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO HAVE PRODUCED, AND YOU
22	MIGHT SHARE A DISCUSSION WITH THAT. OKAY?
23	SO, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN
24	MY COURT BEFORE OR IN THE COMPLEX COURTS BEFORE, WE DO
25	NOT HAVE SPECIAL MASTERS. SINCE THE YEAR 2000 WE HAVE
26	MADE IT A POLICY NOT TO HAVE SPECIAL MASTERS.
27	I MEAN, I HAD ONE ONCE ON A ON A
28	PRIVILEGE ISSUE THAT JUST REQUIRED A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK.

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1	BUT, I HAVE DONE A LOT OF PRIVILEGE ISSUES
2	ON MY OWN TOO.
3	SO, YOU GET ME. YOU SEE ME? THIS IS WHAT
4	YOU GET. OKAY.
5	AND I CLOSE I CLOSELY SUPERVISE
6	DISCOVERY. IT'S AND WE'LL SEE HOW THINGS GO. BUT, IT
7	MAY NOT IN MANY OF MY CASES WE DON'T JUST HAVE, OKAY,
8	THE PLAINTIFFS WILL PROCEED OR LET'S PUT IT THE
9	DEFENDANTS WILL PROCEED BY PROPOUNDING DISCOVERY TO THE
10	PLAINTIFFS, AND THEN THE PLAINTIFFS WILL OBJECT, AND THEN
11	WE'LL START WITH OUR MEET AND CONFER; SOMETIMES IT'S A
12	NEGOTIATED PROCESS THAT IS SORT OF INDEPENDENT OF THE
13	RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE IF YOU WILL.
14	BUT, WE'LL SEE, AS WE GO ALONG, WHAT MAKES
15	SENSE.
16	BUT, YOU CAN SEE WE'RE ALREADY KIND OF
17	SHAPING THE DISCOVERY INFORMALLY. OKAY?
18	AND, ULTIMATELY, DISCOVERY DISPUTES HAVE TO
19	BE DISCUSSED ALL MOTIONS ACTUALLY, DISCOVERY
20	MOTIONS AND ALL MOTIONS HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ME
21	BEFORE THEY'RE BROUGHT. AND I WILL SEE IF I CAN I
22	CALL IT TRY TO MEDIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. OKAY?
23	I WANT TO SAY A WORD ABOUT TRIAL SETTING TO
24	GIVE YOU MY PERSPECTIVE. AND YOU MAY CONVINCE ME
25	OTHERWISE. THIS IS JUST YOU NEEDN'T TALK ABOUT IT A
26	LOT; BUT, THIS IS MY GOING-IN THINKING ABOUT THIS CASE.
27	AND BECAUSE I HAVE I HAVE DEALT WITH
28	A LOT OF MASS LITIGATION. AND A LOT OF THEM WE HAVE KIND

1	OF GONE SLOW ON TRIAL SETTING SO THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT
2	THE TABLE IS SET AND THAT WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, REALLY
3	REPRESENTATIVE CASES AND SO FORTH.
4	I REALLY MY INITIAL INSTINCT IS I REALLY
5	WANT TO GET TO TRIAL IN THESE CASES. AND I DON'T THINK
6	THAT THE MATTERS HERE AT STAKE ARE GOING TO BE HELPED BY
7	DELAY. AND I MIGHT PROPOSE LATER THAT COUNSEL THINK
8	ABOUT A WAY OF SELECTING EARLY CASES EVEN BEFORE THE
9	PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET PROCESS IS DONE.
10	I WOULD NEVER START A TRIAL BEFORE THE
11	PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET PROCESS IS DONE BECAUSE THAT'S NOT
12	SMART FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS HAVING TO DO WITH
13	POTENTIAL CONSENTUAL AGREEMENT. BUT, I COULD SEE IN THIS
14	CASE PICKING OUT CASES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND LINING THEM UP
15	FOR TRIAL BEFORE THE PLAINTIFF FACT SHEETS ARE COMPLETE.
16	AND PART OF THAT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME
17	COMPLAINTS THAT ARE VERY DETAILED.
18	EVERYBODY IS SO QUITE ON THAT.
19	BUT, JUST JUST MY IDEA. I ALWAYS LISTEN
20	TO EVERYBODY BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING. OKAY?
21	AND THEN I JUST WANT TO PUT A LITTLE
22	FOOTNOTE HERE.
23	SOME OF THE SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS HAVE
24	UCL CLAIMS AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. AND THOSE ARE TRIED TO
25	THE COURT. SO, FOOTNOTE.
26	OKAY. LET'S TALK ABOUT PRESERVATION OF
27	EVIDENCE A MINUTE.
28	SO I DEFINITELY AGREE THAT THAT ISSUE

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1	OUGHT TO BE DEALT WITH IN TANDEM WITH THE MDL.
2	I ALSO WOULD SAY, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, THAT
3	I AGREE THAT IT MAKES VERY GOOD SENSE FOR EACH PLAINTIFF
4	TO PRODUCE A WHAT YOU'RE CALLING A PROFILE FORM AS
5	EARLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THAT PUTS THE DEFENDANTS ON
6	NOTICE AS TO WHOSE RECORDS ARE RELEVANT, TO THE EXTENT
7	YOU ARE ABLE, AND OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE AS TO
8	RELEVANT ACCOUNTS THAT YOU CAN IDENTIFY.
9	SO, THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO ME.
10	I AM HAPPY TO HELP. BUT, IF YOU'RE MOVING
11	ALONG ON THAT IN THE FEDERAL CASE AND IMPORT THAT HERE,
12	JUST KEEP ME APPRISED OBVIOUSLY.
13	AND I DO THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS
14	TO BE HANDLED VERY EARLY IN THE LITIGATION.
15	SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A
16	PROTECTIVE ORDER IN PLACE BEFORE THE PLAINTIFFS ARE
17	PROVIDING THESE PROFILE FORMS.
18	SO, THAT SUGGESTS THAT AS WE'RE DOING THE
19	CRITICAL PATH TO THIS GET THAT PROTECTIVE ORDER DONE
20	BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THERE IS SOME OTHER THINGS THAT BEAR
21	UPON IT.
22	I WAS NEW TO ME WAS THE DEFENDANTS'
23	MENTION OF THIS 18 USC 22568 AND CHILD SEX ABUSE MATERIAL
24	AND THE POTENTIAL NEED AFTER IDENTIFYING THE MATERIAL TO
25	DESTROY IT WITHIN A PARTICULAR TIME.
26	I I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PLAINTIFFS
27	BRING A MOTION FOR AN ORDER FROM THIS COURT THAT SAVE IF

MATERIAL IS RELEVANT TO LITIGATION YOU DON'T DESTROY IT.

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Τ	THAT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN ISSUE
2	LIKE THAT. YOU HAVE STATUTES STATE STATUTES, FEDERAL
3	STATUTES THAT SEEM TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, MATERIAL HAS
4	TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND CAN NEVER BE LET OUT AND SO
5	FORTH AND SO ON. AND THEN WHEN YOU FIND OUT THAT IT'S
6	RELEVANT TO LITIGATION AND HAS TO BE PRODUCED TO THE
7	OTHER SIDE, YOU GOT TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO THAT. RIGHT?
8	SO, THIS SEEMS TO ME TO FALL IN THE SAME
9	CONSENTUAL CATEGORY.
10	IF I WERE DEFENDANTS, I'D WANT AN ORDER.
11	SO, PLAINTIFFS, BRING A MOTION.
12	MR. VANZANDT: YOUR HONOR, JOSEPH VANZANDT FOR THE
13	PLAINTIFFS.
14	I CERTAINLY DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF A C-SAM
15	EXPERT; I KNOW WE HAVE SOME ON OUR TEAM THAT ARE. AND I
16	THINK OTHERS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS IN TERMS
17	OF WHAT THOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING
18	WE'D LIKE TO MEET AND CONFER ON, CERTAINLY WOULD INTEND
19	TO SUBMIT AN ORDER TO THE COURT ON THAT.
20	THE COURT: OKAY.
21	WELL, BUT I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE A I
22	THINK IT OUGHT TO BE A MOTION.
23	WELL, IF DEFENDANTS ARE GOOD WITH A
24	STIPULATED ORDER, THAT'S ABSOLUTELY GOOD WITH ME.
25	MR. VANZANDT: OR MOTION. I'M SORRY IF I SAID
26	ORDER
27	THE COURT: NO. BUT, IF DEFENDANTS FEEL LIKE YOU
28	NEED TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE YOU'RE ORDERED TO DO

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1	SOMETHING, I GET THAT TOO. I TOTALLY GET THAT. SO
2	BUT, LET'S TAKE CARE OF THAT. I DON'T WANT ON MY WATCH
3	STUFF BEING DESTROYED THAT'S RELEVANT TO LITIGATION. SO,
4	GET ON WITH IT.
5	AND WHEN I SAY THAT, I MEAN I THINK WHERE
6	WE'RE GOING TO BE HEADED WITH THIS AND YOU KNOW, MAYBE
7	WE HAVE GOT NO MORE THAN A HALF-HOUR TO GO.
8	WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GO WITH ALL OF THIS IS
9	WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO RECONVENE PROBABLY NEXT WEEK WITH
10	A PROPOSED ORDER OR WITH A WITH A SCHEDULED
11	DISCUSSION. OKAY? WE'LL SEE. I'LL HEAR YOU ON WHAT YOU
12	THINK WOULD BE THE BEST NEXT STEP TO KEEP US ORGANIZED.
13	ESI STIP. JUST GO AHEAD AND DO THAT IN
14	CONJUNCTION WITH THE MDL. I'M NOT ESI GURU SO AS FAR
15	AS THOSE THINGS ARE CONCERNED.
16	ONE OTHER NEW ISSUE. I WOULD LIKE TO
17	SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE A SCIENCE DAY. AND THAT'S SOMETHING
18	IF JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS IS INTERESTED IN HAVING
19	SPENDING TIME ON IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT WE COULD DO
20	TOGETHER.
21	AND THE SCIENCE DAY, TO ME, WOULD EXPLAIN
22	FROM THE USER STANDPOINT HOW THE MEDIA APPS AT ISSUE
23	WORK. LET ME TELL YOU WHY.
24	I AM A JUDGE. OUR RULES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT
25	STRONGLY DISCOURAGE JUDGES FROM HAVING SOCIAL MEDIA. AND
26	I HAVE NONE, ZERO, ZILCH. I HAVE MAYBE TWO TIMES SEEN A
27	FACEBOOK PAGE. OKAY?
28	WHY DON'T I KNOW FROM MY CHILDREN?

1	WHEN MY OLDER DAUGHTER MY DAUGHTERS ARE				
2	CLOSE IN TIME.				
3	WHEN MY OLDER DAUGHTER WAS COLLEGE SHE				
4	CALLED ME AND SAID, "YOU KNOW, THERE IS THIS NEW THING				
5	AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD SIGN UP; IT'S THIS				
6	THING CALLED FACEBOOK, IT SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE PRETTY				
7	SAFE BECAUSE IT'S ONLY THE IVY LEAGUE SCHOOLS." OKAY.				
8	THAT'S HOW FAR BACK IT GOES. SO, I DIDN'T HAVE TO				
9	SUPERVISE MY CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY WERE OLD ENOUGH TO				
10	MISS THAT.				
11	SO, THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T READ, YOU				
12	KNOW, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND THE ECONOMIST AND THE				
13	LA TIMES AND ALL OF THAT AND HAVE A CONCEPTUAL IDEA OF				
14	HOW THIS IS; BUT I THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY BE GOOD TO				
15	HAVE SOMETHING AGAIN, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING TO SAY HOW				
16	YOUR ALGORITHMS WORK, THIS IS TO SAY WHAT'S THE USER				
17	EXPERIENCE.				
18	MAYBE YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING MORE THAN				
19	THAT. BUT AT LEAST THAT.				
20	I DON'T KNOW HOW HARD THAT WILL BE TO DO.				
21	YOU CAN KEEP SHOWING ME SCREENSHOTS AND I CAN READ.				
22	THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.				
23	BUT, I'LL JUST SUGGEST THAT.				
24	COURT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE.				
25	FIRST OF ALL, JUDGE I THINK JUDGE				
26	GONZALES ROGERS PUT				
27	YES, GO AHEAD.				
28	MR. KIESEL: YOUR HONOR, PAUL KIESEL.				

1 WHEN WE GET TO THE LEADERSHIP ISSUE FOR 2 THIS COURT, I HAVE GOT SOME POINTS TO RAISE. 3 BUT, I WILL LET THE COURT GO. 4 THE COURT: OKAY. 5 FIRST I WANT TO ADDRESS DEFENDANTS. Т 6 UNDERSTAND FROM READING THEIR ORDERS JUDGE GONZALES 7 ROGERS HAD A LIAISON COUNSEL FROM THE DEFENSE SIDE. THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE A GOOD IDEA. SO, IF YOU COULD THINK 8 9 ABOUT THAT AND VOLUNTEER SOMEONE AND SIGN THEM UP TO DO 10 THAT. 11 SO, THEY WOULD WORK WITH MISS MCCONNELL AND 12 MR. CREED THEN. 13 IS THAT OKAY? 14 MR. SCHMIDT: YES, YOUR HONOR. 15 THAT'S SO IF THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT THE COURT: 16 WHO'S TAKING THE LEAD ON, YOU KNOW, HOW MANY PAGES THERE 17 WILL BE IN A BRIEF OR WHATEVER THERE IS ONE PLACE EACH 18 SIDE CAN CALL. GO AHEAD, MR. KIESEL. 19 OKAY. NOW I'M ABOUT 20 TO GET TO THE PLAINTIFFS SIDE, SO I TAKE IT THAT'S WHAT 21 YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT. 22 MR. KIESEL: IT IS. I'M GOING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT 23 THIS ISSUE FOR EVERYBODY. 24 WE MET IN ADVANCE OF OUR HEARING TODAY, AND I AM PLEASED TO TELL YOU WE HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON 25 26 LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT THE

COURT HAS BEFORE IT. WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT AN ORDER TO

THE COURT, HOPEFULLY IMPLEMENT THAT -- HOPEFULLY WITHIN

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1
     THE NEXT FEW DAYS. BUT, WE NEEDN'T DEAL WITH OUR
 2
     LEADERSHIP ISSUES BEFORE THE COURT.
 3
            THE COURT:
                        OKAY.
                               ALRIGHT.
                                          THAT'S FINE.
                   FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE -- AND THANK YOU
 4
 5
     FOR THAT.
                I REALLY SINCERELY THANK THE PLAINTIFFS' SIDE,
 6
     MR. BERGMAN FOR WORKING ON THAT.
 7
            MR. BERGMAN:
                          THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
 8
            THE COURT:
                        FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE MORE FAMILIAR
 9
     WITH MDL'S, LET ME JUST GIVE YOU A LITTLE CONTEXT.
10
                   I PARTICULARLY -- AND WE IN THE COMPLEX
11
     COURTS TO SOME EXTENT -- I HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR
     COUNSEL TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES. I -- IT'S A
12
13
     PHILOSOPHICAL THING WITH ME. THE INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS
14
     PICK THEIR LAWYERS.
                          THOSE LAWYERS SHOULD DECIDE HOW TO
15
     MAKE THE STRONGEST CASE FOR PLAINTIFFS. AND I DON'T
16
     THINK IT'S THE COURT'S JOB TO PICK QUALIFIED COUNSEL TO
17
     HELP THE PLAINTIFFS PREVAIL OVER THE DEFENDANTS.
18
                   SO, I AM -- I DON'T TRY TO DO SOME KIND
19
     OF -- YOU KNOW, WHAT'S A NICE WAY OF PUTTING IT -- A
20
     COMPETITION WHERE -- WHICH I KNOW THEY FEEL VERY STRONGLY
21
     ABOUT IN FEDERAL COURT ABOUT HAVING COMPETITION FOR
22
     PICKING WHO'S GOING TO BE THE LEAD AND ALL OF THAT.
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23
     WOULD ONLY EVER DO THAT IF I GOT TO A PLACE WHERE I
24
     COULDN'T MANAGE THE CASE BECAUSE THE LAWYERS WERE
25
     BURDENING THE COURT WITH DUPLICATIVE WORK.
26
                   SO, THAT'S WHERE MY HEAD IS AT ON THIS.
27
                   AND I HAVE SAID THAT. AND, ACTUALLY, I
28
     WAS -- I WON'T SAY WHERE I WAS.
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1	BUT, I HAVE SAID THIS IN FRONT OF MULTIPLE
2	MDL JUDGES, OKAY. AND I KNOW THEY DON'T AGREE, BUT, I
3	FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT IT.
4	OKAY. LET ME SEE.
5	OKAY. NOW WE'RE DOWN TO NUTS AND BOLTS.
6	GUARDIAN AD LITEMS.
7	JUST FILE THE USUAL GUARDIAN AD LITEMS, I
8	THINK, AND I'LL PROCESS THEM.
9	MR. CREED: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS JESSE CREED.
10	FOR THE GUARDIAN AD LITEMS, WE FILE THEM
11	AND YOU PROCESS THEM. ARE THEY GOING TO GO DIRECTLY TO
12	YOUR COURTROOM, WHICH WOULD BE IDEAL BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I
13	KNOW THE THE COMPETENCE OF YOUR STAFF AND SUCH.
14	OR ARE THEY GOING TO BE HANDLED BY THE
15	CLERK'S OFFICE? THERE'S A BACKLOG IN THE CLERK'S
16	OFFICE.
17	THE COURT: I HAVE TO RULE ON THEM.
18	I'M ASKING MISS MIRO.
19	
20	(DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE COURT AND CLERICAL
21	ASSISTANT.)
22	
23	THE COURT: WELL, EVERYTHING HAS TO BE E FILED.
24	AND IT GOES THROUGH YOUR EFUS OR WHATEVER THE NAME IS FOR
25	IT AND SO FORTH.
26	BUT, I HAVEN'T HAD TROUBLE GETTING GAL'S
27	INTO MY WORK QUEUE. I HAVE HAD TROUBLE GETTING THEM OUT

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1	THE WORK CUE GOES LIKE THIS.			
2	MR. CREED: WELL, THE CHALLENGE, YOUR HONOR, IS			
3	THE CASES, WHEN THEY ARE NEWLY FILED, AREN'T COORDINATED			
4	AT THAT POINT SO THEY END UP IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND WE			
5	THEN FILE A PETITION FOR COORDINATION. AND THE CLERK			
6	WON'T ISSUE A SUMMONS UNTIL THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM			
7	PETITION IS			
8	THE COURT: UNTIL THE G.A.L. IS SIGNED.			
9	AND I HAVE ONE OR TWO SHOW UP THAT WAY.			
10	SO BUT WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND I'LL			
11	TELL YOU WHAT, MR. CREED. WHY DON'T YOU CALL MISS MIRO			
12	AND I'LL GET INVOLVED AND SHE'LL CONVEY TO ME AND WE WILL			
13	SEE WHAT WE CAN WORK OUT. BECAUSE MANY OF THE CASES I			
14	HAVE HAD HAVE HAD PLEADINGS THAT REFER TO A GUARDIAN AD			
15	LITEM BUT HAVEN'T HAD BUT DON'T HAVE THE GUARDIAN AD			
16	LITEM APPROVED BEFORE THEY'RE FILED. AND THEY'RE FILED			
17	JUST FINE.			
18	BUT, RECENTLY WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE GET			
19	BOUNCED BECAUSE THE G.A.L. WASN'T APPROVED BEFORE FILING.			
20	SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT'S HAPPENING.			
21	MR. CREED: WELL, IT YEAH. I CAN CALL MISS			
22	MIRO, I CAN WORK WITH HER TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAY TO			
23	PROCESS THEM. BUT THE IDEA			
24	GO AHEAD, YOUR HONOR.			
25	THE COURT: MAYBE IF YOU DON'T USE THE WORD			
26	"GUARDIAN AD LITEM" IN THE CAPTION AND INSTEAD SAY "ON			
27	BEHALF OF MINOR SO AND SO."			

I DON'T KNOW.

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1	MR. CREED: I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE DID IN THE GAS
2	LEAK CASES; SO, WE CAN EXPLORE THAT OPTION.
3	THE COURT: WELL, THE GAS LEAK CASES THEY WERE
4	FILED REALLY, REALLY LATE. SO, WE DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.
5	BUT, IN MY IN MY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND
6	POWER PUEBLO Y SALUD CASE, WHICH THE PARRIS FIRM IS
7	TAKING THE LEAD ON, THEY GOT A COMPLAINT FILED WITH, I
8	THINK, A THOUSAND PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR THEY'RE FILING
9	THEIR GUARDIAN AD LITEMS AND GETTING THROUGH JUST FINE
10	AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO HAVE THEM BEFORE THEY FILED.
11	MR. CREED: IN THE GAS LEAK WE DID APPOINT THE
12	GUARDIAN AD LITEMS LATE. BUT, THE COMPLAINTS WE FILED
13	FOLLOW THE FORMAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO, MAYBE THAT'S
14	THE WAY WE
15	THE COURT: SO, IT "ON BEHALF OF" AND DOESN'T
16	USE THE "AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR." YEAH.
17	MR. CREED: YES
18	THE COURT: AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT
19	AS LONG AS YOU KNOW, WE'LL PROMPTLY FOLLOW UP SO THAT
20	WE WILL GET THEM ASSIGNED.
21	MR. CREED: YES. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN, YOUR
22	HONOR.
23	THE COURT: OKAY. SO, IF YOU CAN GET THE
24	COMPLAINT FILED, FILING THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM LATER THAT
25	DOES GO DIRECT TO ME, AND WE'LL GET TO THEM AS BEST WE
26	CAN.
27	PRO HAC VICES. I HAVE SO MANY OF THEM
28	WAITING.

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1	SO, IF WE COULD FIND A WAY TO STIPULATE			
2	THAT EVERYBODY IS WAIVING THE TIME TO OBJECT TO THEM			
3	BECAUSE IT'S LIKE A 20-DAY WAITING PERIOD			
4	MR. PANISH: WE WOULD STIP FOR ALL THE DEFENDANT			
5	AND WE WOULD WAIVE THE TIME. THEY WOULD DO LIKEWISE I			
6	THINK.			
7	MR. SCHMIDT: YES.			
8	THE COURT: I WILL START PROCESSING THEM ON THAT			
9	ORAL STIPULATION. BUT, LET'S GET A WRITTEN STIP IN.			
10	MR. PANISH: A WRITTEN STIP ON PRO HAC			
11	THE COURT: YEAH.			
12	IT STILL MAY TAKE ME TIME, UNFORTUNATELY,			
13	BECAUSE I JUST GET BEHIND.			
14	BUT, THAT WAY WE DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT IN A			
15	SEPARATE WAITING QUEUE FOR 20 DAYS.			
16	OKAY. SO, MOVING FORWARD, I GOT YOU ALL IN			
17	HERE ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S A			
18	CONVENIENT TIME FOR PEOPLE.			
19	WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE STATUS			
20	CONFERENCES?			
21	MR. PANISH: HOW OFTEN ARE YOU ANTICIPATING			
22	SCHEDULING THEM?			
23	THE COURT: WELL, I'D LIKE TO GET PROBABLY			
24	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH. IN GENERAL. YEAH.			
25	MR. PANISH: WELL, I WOULD SAY THAT WE'RE MORE			
26	OPEN.			
27	BUT, THE PEOPLE THAT ARE TRAVELING I'M			
28	SURE DEFENSE WOULD HAVE PEOPLE TRAVELING FRIDAY AND			

1	MONDAY MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST DAYS.			
2	SO, MAYBE WEDNESDAY.			
3	WE GOING TO DO THEM ALL AT 1:45?			
4	THE COURT: YES. 1:45.			
5	MR. PANISH: IF THIS WAS AGREEABLE WITH THEM, THE			
6	DEFENDANTS, WE COULD SAY WEDNESDAY AT 1:45.			
7	THE COURT: OKAY. WE'LL TRY TO DO IT AT			
8	WEDNESDAYS.			
9	BUT, I'LL NOTE TO AVOID MONDAYS AND			
10	FRIDAYS. I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER THEY WANTED TO COME AND			
11	STAY OVER THE WEEKEND.			
12	NOT THAT. OKAY. THAT'S FINE. THAT'S			
13	FINE.			
14	SO, WHAT'S THE NOW WE NEED TO SET A NEXT			
15	DATE.			
16	WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACTUALLY IS			
17	RATHER IS THAN TRYING TO PUT ALL OF THIS IN MINUTE ORDER,			
18	WHICH I COULD DRAFT UP AND MAYBE I SHOULD DRAFT UP.			
19	YOU TELL ME IF YOU'D PREFER YOU KNOW, I PROBABLY OUGHT			
20	TO JUST DO THAT, JUST DRAFT UP A MINUTE ORDER AND IT WILL			
21	HAVE EVERYTHING.			
22	BUT, I DO NEED YOU TO CONFER, PARTICULARLY			
23	ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE PROGRESSION OF MASTER COMPLAINTS			
24	AND I STILL CALL THEM JOINDERS THE INDIVIDUAL			
25	COMPLAINTS AND THE MOTIONS AND THE HEARING, ET CETERA,			
26	LEADING UP TO THE DEMURRER. BRIEFING, ET CETERA. SO,			
27	YOU ALL NEED TO CONFER ON THAT.			

AND I -- I'D LIKE TO GET THAT FROM YOU

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1	PRETTY	QUICKLY	SO	WE	CAN	
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MR. PANISH: SUBMIT A PROPOSED JOINT ORDER?

THE COURT: THAT WOULD BE FINE. ON THE TIMING.

AND IF YOU CAN'T AGREE, JUST GIVE ME YOUR

5 | ALTERNATIVES AND TELL ME WHETHER YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE PHONE

| CONVERSATION ABOUT IT AND WE CAN SET THAT UP.

THE MESSAGE BOARD AND LET ME KNOW.

ALL RIGHT. SO, I WILL PUT WHAT WE
DETERMINED IN A MINUTE ORDER WHICH I WILL DRAFT. IF
THERE IS ANYTHING WRONG IN IT, CONFER AND DO A POSTING ON

OUR THINGS DON'T LOOK AS PRETTY AS FEDERAL.

I'M SORRY. BUT, I HAVE ONE CLERK. THAT'S IT. PLUS YOU

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SO, I'LL DO THAT.

AND IF -- IF PLAINTIFFS' LIAISON COUNSEL

16 | WILL GIVE NOTICE BY GETTING A COPY OF THE MINUTE ORDER,

WHICH DOES NOT GO INTO CASEANYWHERE, YOU GOT TO GET IT

OUT OF THE DOCKET, GET IT OUT OF THE DOCKET AND THEN

19 | SERVE IT. OKAY.

20 AND THEN YOU'LL FILE PROPOSED SCHEDULE BY

21 | WHEN? SCHEDULE ON --

MR. PANISH: THIS IS ON THE DEMURRER PROCESS?

THE COURT: ON THE MASTER COMPLAINT LEADING UP TO

THE DEMURRER.

NEXT FRIDAY. OR IS THAT TOO SOON?

26 MR. KIESEL: MAYBE THE 10TH, YOUR HONOR, SO WE

27 | HAVE TWO WEEKS TO GET IT DONE.

THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. MARCH 10. I'LL PUT

1	THAT IN THE MINUTE ORDER.				
2	SO, OUR NEXT STATUS CONFERENCE THEN				
3	DO YOU KNOW WHEN JUDGE GONZALES ROGERS IS				
4	HAVING ONE?				
5	MS. HAZAM: YES, YOUR HONOR. MARCH 3. FRIDAY,				
6	MARCH 3.				
7	THE COURT: WELL, ONE MONTH WOULD BE ABOUT				
8	MARCH MARCH 22, 1:45.				
9	AND, THEN, PLEASE FILE A JOINT REPORT BY				
10	CAN YOU DO IT BY THE 17TH?				
11	MR. KIESEL: SURE.				
12	THE COURT: GIVES ME OVER THE WEEKEND TO LOOK AT				
13	IT.				
14	MR. SCHMIDT: YES, YOUR HONOR.				
15	THE COURT: IF YOU RUN INTO PROBLEMS, DO A				
16	POSTING. AND I WILL LOOK FOR IT MIDDAY ON THE 20TH, BUT				
17	TRY FOR THE 17TH. OKAY?				
18	ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU ALL. HAVE A VERY				
19	GOOD WEEKEND.				
20					
21	(ENDING TIME: 3:15 P.M.)				
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